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P&G Case 8642

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In The Application Of : F. Desai et al.
Serial No. : 09/909,486
Group Art Unit : 1772
Confirmation No. : 2573
Filed : July 20, 2001
Examiner : A. A. Chevalier
For: High Elongation Apertured Nonwoven Web and Method for Making

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT/ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 27, 2003, setting a 30 day period for response.

The Office states that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 USC §121:

- I. Claims 1-10, drawn to an apertured nonwoven web, classified in class 428, subclass 137; and
- II. Claims 11-20, drawn to a method of making an apertured nonwoven web, classified in class 83, subclass various.

The Office further states that Inventions II and I are related as process of making and product made but points out that the inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process. The Office believes that in the instant case the product as claimed can be made by a materially different process such as water needling.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement, however. While the Office has identified separate classes for search of the two groups, Applicants respectfully submit that since there is sufficient common subject matter between the two groups mentioned above, searching the various subclasses in one application presents no undue burden to the Office. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

Notwithstanding traversal, in order to be fully responsive the Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-10, for initial examination on the merits. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue each of the non-elected claims in one or more divisional applications.

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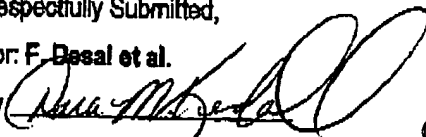
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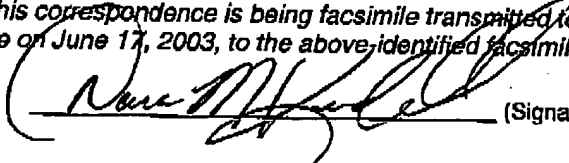
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Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

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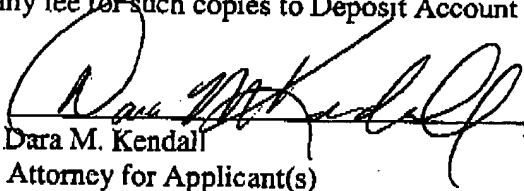
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3. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$ for a -month extension of time.

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